



DIXIE VALVE CHATTER

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February 2017

A word from our Director:

Our January meeting at the Marriott was well attended and we were honored to have relatively new member **Bill Eisenhardt** and longtime members **Mark and Wanda Reeves** join us. Mark and Wanda have been absent for a while but hopefully they will be among our regulars.

Our February meeting will be our Annual Bowl-a-Rama and the details will follow in this newsletter. The Bowl-A-Rama is a lot of fun whether you bowl strikes or gutter balls. And with the expert scoring system of Bruce and Shar makes it fair for everyone. If you don't bowl you can still attend and cheer those who are bowling. Also, since we always have the lanes at one end of the Bowling Alley or the other you have the opportunity to drive your Classic Buick and park it at that end of the building.

I look forward to seeing everyone next month and drive your Buick weather permitting.

Don

Editorial Comment:

As you all have heard by now Jan Steger passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on 12/31/16 after suffering a stroke a few days after the surgery for her broken leg.

Please keep Mike and the entire family in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this most difficult of times.

Mike Steger is busy taking care of all the many tasks that must be handled, and has asked me to fill in this month as a "guest editor".

The thing that I love most about the Buick Club, and the car hobby in general is not the cars but the time that I get to spend with the many close friends that I have made over the years.

I'm looking forward to seeing "y'all" at the annual Bowl-A-Rama **so I can give you each a big hug!** ☺

Love & Peace,
Jerry



The Timing Chain:

February 12, 2017: Annual Bowl-A-Rama followed by lunch & meeting. Look for all the details on the next page of this *Dixie Valve Chatter*.

July 5-8, 2017: The 2017 BCA National will be held in Brookfield, WI.

October 18-22, 2017: The 2017 BCA Southeastern Regional will be hosted by the Bama Chapter and will be based in Anniston, AL.
Details to follow as they become available.



B O W L - A - R A M A

Happening in February

WHAT: Annual Dixie Chapter "Bowl-A-Rama"

WHEN: Sunday February 12th

WHERE: AMF Woodstock Lanes
108 Woodpark Blvd.
Woodstock, GA 30188
770-926-2200

START BOWLING: Promptly at 12:30, so get there early!

LUNCH TIME: After Bowling, at about 3 p.m. with a business meeting to follow.

The cost is the same as last year; \$12 adults (over 12), \$9 for 12 & under. The price includes 3 games bowling, shoe rental & lunch, or \$6 for those having lunch only.

No price increase for the past 9 years, "what a deal"!!

This is one of our most fun events. Remember.....bowling skill is not required, in fact with the "handicap system" we have, higher average bowlers have more of a challenge than those who don't bowl too often. **There will be awards & prizes.**

Weather permitting, be sure to drive those Buicks, there will be ample secluded parking.

RSVP: Please RSVP by February 7th by phone or email to **Bruce or Shar**
770-977-7924, sbkile58@aol.com

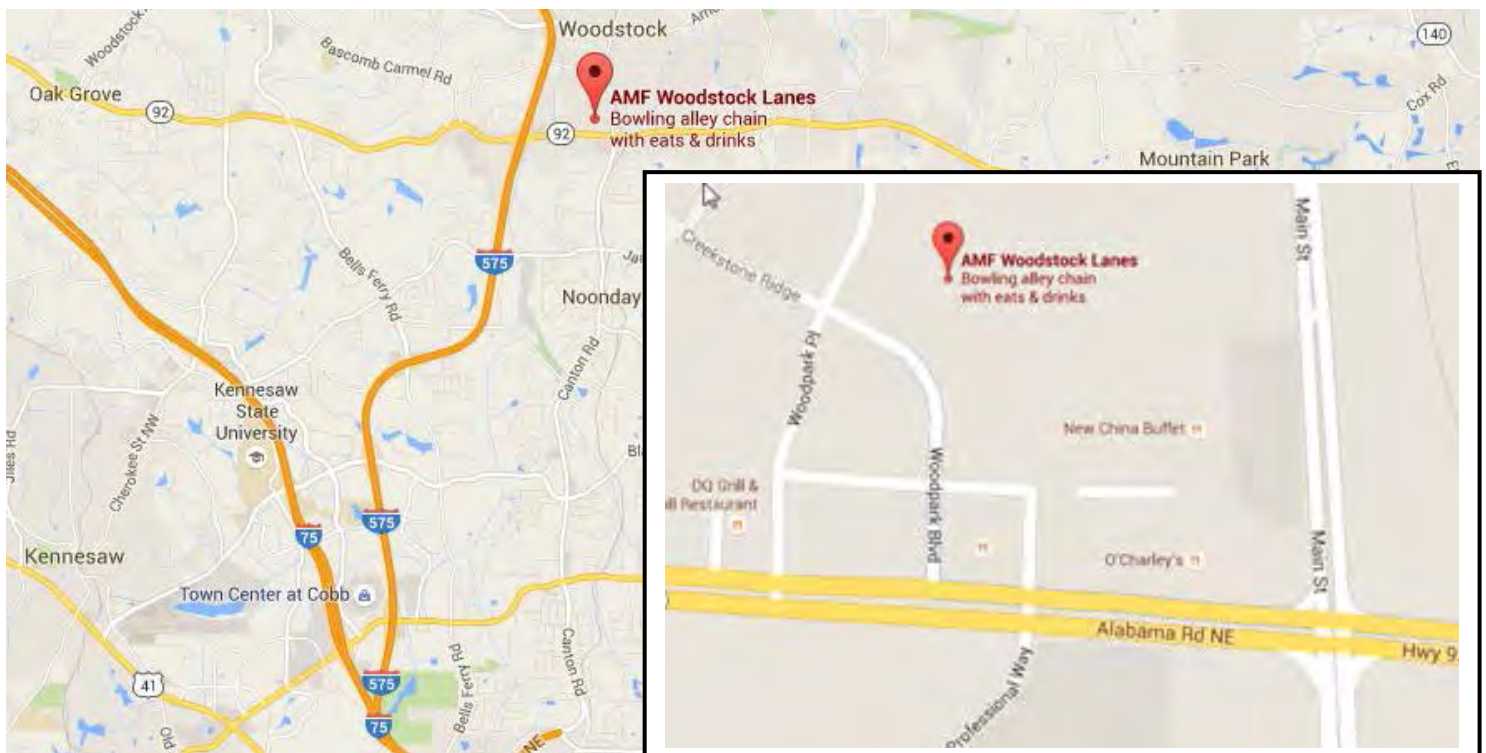
*Wear Your
Name Tag*



Let's make this our best Bowl-A-Rama ever!

DIRECTIONS: I-75 North to 1-575 / Phillip M Landrum Memorial Hwy North toward Canton. Take Exit 7 for GA 92 toward Woodstock. Turn right onto GA 92. Go approximately 3/4 mile and turn left at the Dairy Queen onto Woodpark Place. Follow the circle around to AMF Woodstock Lanes.

For those coming from the East take GA 92 West. Cross Canton Hwy. Go approximately 1,000 feet and then turn right between McDonalds & Velox Insurance onto Woodpark Blvd. Follow the circle until you see AMF Woodstock Lanes.



Car Quiz:

What year and model is this Buick “Woodie”?

“Extra Credit”: What type of wood was used?

Hints: This was the 50th anniversary of Buick, and was also the 1st year that Buick offered a V-8 engine.

The answer is on page 5.



It Happened in January: On January 8th 17 Dixie Chapter members gathered at the Marriott at Windy Hill. We enjoyed having lunch together, and then had a business meeting.

Under “new business” it was proposed that we send out a survey to all Dixie Chapter members to try to improve attendance and make the club “fun for everyone”. The survey was emailed out last week, and if you haven’t already gone online to complete the 8 question survey, you only have until February 4th to go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLCTG6D> and complete the survey. Every opinion is important and **Don McClair** wants to ensure that everyone’s opinion gets counted.

Be sure to attend the next meeting on February 12th to hear the results of the survey.

Online Only Content:

I think that many of you probably enjoy the History Channel show “American Pickers”.

Here is a link to an interesting “YouTube” video.

“The Untold Truth of American Pickers”.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UlbHskBM63A>



Member “News”: No “News” this month. ☹️

NOTE: If you know of members winning awards or touring to interesting places, or have an idea for an article of interest to our members, please let **Mike** know at least two weeks before the end of the month to enable inclusion in the next **Dixie Valve Chatter**.

From the “Sunshine Committee”:

Jan Steger passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on 12/31/16 after suffering a stroke a few days after the surgery for her broken leg.

Please keep **Mike** and the entire family in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this most difficult of times.

If you know of a member who is ill, injured, recovering, or just in need of a special thought and bit of hope sent their way, please let **Jean Richstein** know about them as soon as possible. She is making certain that cards and well wishes are sent from the Dixie Chapter BCA. To enable Jean to share the Club’s thoughts and concerns in a timely manner, please be sure to keep her well informed. grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com

wherever you go,
**NO MATTER
THE WEATHER,**
ALWAYS BRING YOUR OWN
sunshine ☀️

Membership Renewal Time has PAST:

2017 Dixie Chapter dues were due by 12/31/16.

If you are one of the 5 that have not yet paid your 2017 Chapter dues, please send \$20 to Jerry Richstein A.S.A.P.



CLUB SALES:

The club "store" is now open for business at all business meetings. Some of the items available are cloth BCA jacket patches, static cling BCA window decals, keepsake ornaments (featuring various **Buick** models), and **Buick** playing cards.

Call **Bruce Kile** for pricing or questions (770) 977-7924



2017 Dixie Chapter Roster:

The 2017 Dixie Chapter Roster has been mailed out via "snail mail". Look for it in a mailbox near you.



Cars of the Month: Every month we will include at least a picture or two of member's cars, usually as seen at recent meetings, tours or events.

Try to be an active member, be sure to drive your "pride and joy", and then look for your picture in the next issue of the ***Dixie Valve Chatter!***



Need AC Delco parts? If you are in the need of genuine

ACDelco parts such as batteries (including 6 volt) ignition parts etc., at discount pricing. We have

established a "cash account" with Johnson Industries in Atlanta aka "J. I. Parts Express"

<https://www.teamji.com/home/prodServ.htm>. Simply phone the call center at (770) 448-3896 and tell them that you are with the Buick Club account #47225, and place your order. You will also

need to tell them which of the 8 distribution warehouses you would like to pick it up & pay at. Distribution centers are in Woodstock, Marietta, Norcross, Emery, Snellville, Turner Field, Roswell, & Columbus. **A "cash account" does include Visa/MasterCard.** If you have any questions call **Bruce Kile** (770) 977-7924.



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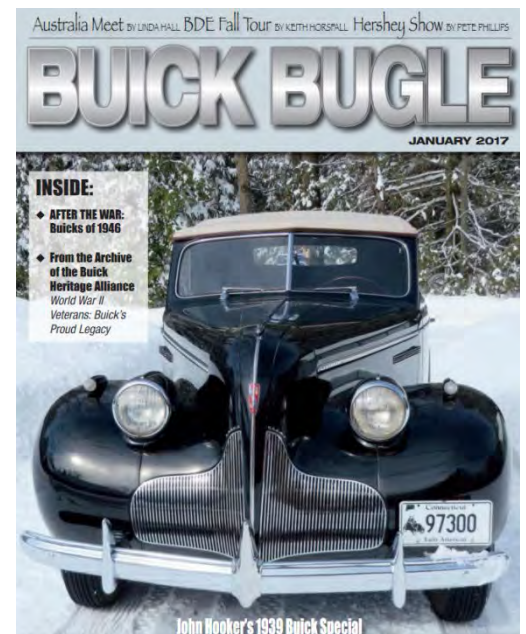
Did you know that as part of your BCA membership you can go online and read any current or past issue of the ***Buick Bugle?*** Well, so far the "past" only goes back to 2006.

Visit www.buickclub.org and then log on the "BCA MEMBERS" section using your BCA number as the Username, and your last name and BCA number in all lowercase, and no spaces, as the Password.

You can page through the ***Bugle*** and then double click any article you wish to read.

When you renew your membership you can select "E-Membership" saving at least \$15 per year.

Many still prefer the printed version, but you can lower your membership cost if you choose to only get the online version of the ***Buick Bugle.***



Deals on Wheels:

Buick Wheels for Sale: 14" x 6" GM stock for 1964-1972 A bodies, 15" x 7" GM stock for 1998-2004 Century, 14" x 6" Buick chrome road wheels JK and JJ bead type, 1968-1982. All wheels \$15.00 each.

Call **Lee Hurdelbrink 404-702-3350** or email atlantaBLH@aol.com for specs or additional pictures.

1969 Electra Convertible: Full Power & Cold A/C, 92K (believed) original well maintained



miles, runs & drives like new. Health issues force the sale of this great tour or show car. It is being offered to Dixie Chapter members first for \$15,000



obo. Contact **Don McClair** (770)271-2759 ridge271@att.net or **Bruce Kile** (770)977-7924 sbkile58@aol.com for more pictures and information.

1986 Century Custom Sedan: This 1986 Century Custom has been immaculately maintained. Less than 35k miles! Originally owned by my uncle who purchased it brand-new and passed away a few months ago. This car looks and drives as if it came off the show room floor. Never been in an accident was garage kept. Looks & drives great, new tires, Non-smoker, one owner, until I brought it to Georgia, Seats like new, and Title

in hand, very clean interior. This car is in perfect condition and must be seen to truly appreciate the beauty! The only issue with the car at all is that it needs an air conditioner compressor clutch for the AC to work. Asking \$4,000 or best offer.

Contact **Barbara Price** for more info. 678-508-2878 bprice4006@yahoo.com



Do you need replacement wheels or hubcaps?

Bianca at Hubcaps.com & OriginalWheels.com offers Car Club Members a discount on the Factory Hubcaps & Wheels that they show on their websites. They currently have over one million hubcaps & Rims in inventory so they may have what you need.

You would need to call them at 800-826-5880 for the discount as they do not have the ability to discount online orders. Just tell them that you are from the **Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club**, and they will figure out the best possible discount to give you.

Do you have a Buick or "car stuff" for sale?

All Dixie Chapter members can advertise "For Sale" cars, parts, and car related "stuff" for up to 6 months, or longer if space permits.

In addition, non-members can advertise their cars and parts for up to 3 months, space permitting, if they have items that may be of interest to our members. This is as a courtesy to the sellers, and as a service for our members.

Please send your ads to **Mike** at least one week before the end of the month to ensure that your ad is included in the next **Dixie Valve Chatter**.



Quotable Quotes



Grit In The Gearbox

Car Quiz Answer: The Woodye is a 1953 Roadmaster Estate Wagon, Model 79R. The framing was done in seasoned northern ash, with the small panels being mahogany. The "Nailhead" V-8 engine was used in only the Super and Roadmaster models. The Special Series still used the old "Straight 8" engine. Starting in 1954 all series had the V-8. If you like woodies (Who doesn't?), be sure to check out "Woodies USA" online at <http://www.woodiesusa.com/index.html>



1953 Super Estate Wagon, Model 59



Happy Birthday to:

- 2/2 Steve Zigler
- 2/10 Charles Hunter
- 2/15 Bruce Kile
- 2/18 Danny Bryant
- 2/24 Maureen Bryant
- 2/24 Gail Anderson
- 2/28 Bob McNichols

Happy Anniversary to:

No anniversaries to celebrate in February.

As important events in the lives of our members, birthdays and anniversaries are recognized in the *Dixie Valve Chatter*, but **with no mention of ages or years without the permission of the member**. If you will be reaching a milestone birthday or significant anniversary this year, please let **Mike Steger** know so we can all share in your special celebration. mg.steger52@gmail.com

The Dixie Chapter is one of over 60 Chapters of the Buick Club of America, "a non-profit membership corporation dedicated to the preservation and restoration of those vehicles built by the Buick Motor Division of General Motors Corporation".

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